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The reply filed on 4/14/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has amended all the claims to read on the non-elected non-fastener embodiment of Figure 5 by including the recitation in the independent claims "without the use of fasteners". However, applicant on 11/16/05 elected the embodiment of Figure 1 which includes "fastener nuts 48" (specification, page 4, line 18). Accordingly, the amendment including the claims of 4/14/06 has not been entered. Applicant in response to this letter must promptly submit claims that read on the elected species of Figure 1. Otherwise, the case will be held abandoned. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert C. Watson whose telephone number is 571 272-4498. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs. , 5:30am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail III can be reached on 571 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Watson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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